

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 8, 2015

SENATE BILL

No. 695

Introduced by Senators De León and Jackson

February 27, 2015

An act to add ~~Section~~ *Sections 33544 and 51225.36* to the Education Code, relating to school curriculum.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 695, as amended, De León. School curriculum: health education: sexual ~~assault~~ *harassment* and violence instruction.

Existing law requires the Instructional Quality Commission, during the next revision of the publication "Health Framework for California Public Schools," to consider including a distinct category on sexual abuse and sex trafficking prevention education, as specified.

This bill would require the commission to consider including a distinct category for grades 9 to 12, inclusive, on sexual harassment and violence, as specified, when that health framework is next revised after January 1, 2016. The bill would require the commission, if the commission includes a sexual harassment and violence category in the health framework, to comply with specified conditions.

Existing law requires each pupil completing grade 12 to satisfy certain requirements as a condition of receiving a diploma of graduation from high school. These requirements include the completion of designated coursework in grades 9 to 12, inclusive. Existing law authorizes a governing board of a school district to adopt other coursework requirements.

This bill would require the governing board of a school district that has elected to require its pupils to complete a course in health education for graduation from high school to include instruction in sexual assault

and violence, as ~~specified~~. *specified, and ensure that teachers consult information related to sexual harassment and violence in the health framework when delivering health instruction.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 *SECTION 1. Section 33544 is added to the Education Code,*
2 *to read:*

3 33544. (a) *When the “Health Framework for California Public*
4 *Schools” (health framework) is next revised after January 1, 2016,*
5 *the commission shall consider including a distinct category for*
6 *grades 9 to 12, inclusive, on sexual harassment and violence that*
7 *includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:*

8 (1) *Information on different forms of sexual harassment and*
9 *violence, including instances that occur among peers and in a*
10 *dating relationship; a discussion of prevention strategies; how*
11 *pupils report sexual harassment and violence; and potential*
12 *resources victims can access.*

13 (2) *Discussion of the affirmative consent standard, as defined*
14 *in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 67386, and skills*
15 *pupils use to establish boundaries in peer and dating relationships.*

16 (3) *Discussion of legal aspects of sexual harassment and*
17 *violence under state and federal law.*

18 (b) *If the commission includes a sexual harassment and violence*
19 *category in the health framework, the commission shall comply*
20 *with both of the following:*

21 (1) *Ensure information included in the framework is*
22 *research-based and appropriate for pupils of all races, genders,*
23 *sexual orientations, gender identities, and ethnic and cultural*
24 *backgrounds. This may include, but shall not be limited to,*
25 *reviewing other state curriculum.*

26 (2) *Consult with secondary health teachers and experts in sexual*
27 *harassment and violence curriculum.*

28 ~~SECTION 1.~~

29 *SEC. 2. Section 51225.36 is added to the Education Code, to*
30 *read:*

31 51225.36. (a) *If the governing board of a school district*
32 *requires a course in health education for graduation from high*

1 school, the governing board of the school district shall include
2 instruction in sexual assault and violence, including, but not limited
3 to, information on the affirmative consent standard, as defined in
4 paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 67386.

5 *(b) If the governing board of a school district provides*
6 *instruction pursuant to subdivision (a), the governing board of the*
7 *school district shall ensure teachers consult information related*
8 *to sexual harassment and violence in the Health Framework for*
9 *California Public Schools when delivering health instruction.*